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1. USUN SHOULD CONVEY FOLLOWING REPLY TO THE UNDER SECRETARY'S NOTE OF FEBRUARY 12, 1974, ASKING FOR U.S. VIEWS ON INSTITUTIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY AND THE PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS ECOSOC COULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN A FURTHER FORMULATION OF THIS CONCEPT.

2. THE UNITED STATES INTERPRETS COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY AS MEANING THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF ALL STATES WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTING THE ECONOMIC SECURITY OF EACH.

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SUCH VOLUNTARY COOPERATION IS CONSISTENT WITH THE EMPHASIS

IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER UPON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COOPERATION. IT IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE DISTINCT CHARTER CONCEPT OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY, PURSUANT TO WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL CAN TAKE DECISIONS BINDING ON MEMBERS WITH A VIEW TO THE MAINTENANCE OR RESTORATION OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

3. THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS THE INSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL PROCESS AS A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD ACHIEVING THE IDEALS OF COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY. AT THE 28TH

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT REACHED LARGE AREAS OF COMMON AGREEMENT IN DEFINING PROBLEMS AND EVALUATING PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING THE DEVELOPMENT TARGETS OF THIS DECADE AS SET OUT IN THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

4. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S ENDORSEMENT OF THE PRINCIPLE OF THE PROPOSAL BY THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO FOR A CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES IS A FURTHER STEP IN THIS SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEMS OF WORLD ECONOMIC SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT. THESE NEGOTIATIONS SUPPORT THE HOPE THAT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS THIS YEAR CAN ACHIEVE A BROAD CONSENSUS IN DEFINING RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE.

5. PROGRESS SO FAR ACHIEVED HAS BEEN BASED ON A GROWING RECOGNITION THAT THIS IS AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD AND THAT ITS INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS MUST BE SOLVED COOPERATIVELY. IN THE PAST YEAR THE THREATENING WORLD FOOD SITUATION AND THE ENERGY CRISIS HAVE STIMULATED NEW INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO HARMONIZE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICIES. THIS YEAR WILL SEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES TO WORK OUT COOPERATIVE SOLUTIONS TO THESE CRITICAL PROBLEMS.

6. THERE WILL ALSO BE IMPORTANT WORLD CONFERENCES THIS YEAR ON SERIOUS BUT MORE LONG-RANGE PROBLEMS -- TO SET GOALS FOR POPULATION POLICIES AND TO ACHIEVE COMMON UNDER-

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STANDING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RESOURCES OF THE OCEAN BEDS. SIMILARLY, INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS ARE WELL UNDERWAY IN THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND FOR REFORMING THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM AND IN THE GATT TO ACHIEVE GROWTH OF WORLD TRADE THROUGH REDUCTIONS IN LEVELS OF TRADE BARRIERS AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING FRAMEWORK.

7. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE UN IN THE PAST FEW YEARS NATIONS HAVE GIVEN EMERGENCY RELIEF TO BANGLADESH TO AVERT FAMINE AND TRAGEDY, AND HAVE HELPED THE COUNTRIES OF SAHEL, ETHIOPIA, NICARAGUA AND MANY OTHERS STRICKEN WITH NATURAL DISASTERS.

8. THESE ENDEAVORS SHOW PROGRESS IN STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON PROBLEMS OF COMMON CONCERN OR, IN A PHRASE, IN PROMOTING COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY. AS A FUTURE CHALLENGE FOR THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, THE UNITED STATES SEES A NEED TO ACHIEVE BETTER COORDINATION OF EFFORTS TAKING PLACE WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAME-

WORK, WITH APPROPRIATE ACCOUNT TAKEN FOR EFFICIENCY IN ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES.

9. THE ALTERNATIVE TO GROWING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON THESE PROBLEMS OF MAJOR CONCERN IS INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ACTION THAT COULD LEAD TO CYCLES OF RETALIATION AND CHAOS. RUSH

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